

E. WHY JUSTICE SMITH REMAINS

Platt Might Name His Successor Under the Bi-Partisan Bill.

The Secret of Mayor Gilroy's Recent Visit to Washington.

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Mayor Gilroy was spoken to on the subject by an "Evening World" reporter to-day, he said: "I may resappoint Smith, but I have not yet decided one way or the other. There is no change in the situation, and there is no change in my mind."

Solon B. Smith served a full term and Mayor Grant appointed him for an unexpired term.

Republican leader in the Fifteenth District until disqualified to serve as such by reason of having accepted an office in the executive branch of the government. He was named as the only practically the leader. For six years he was Chairman of the Republican County Committee. He has made a good Judge, but if he is reappointed it will be for police consideration.

It has leaked out that Mayor Gilroy's recent visit to Washington was partly connected with politics. He went there to see John McPartland, the City Marshal, and John McPartland's friend and protégé, as United States Marshal, to succeed Mr. Jacobus. The Mayor and Secretary Lamont and urged him to use

his influence in McCarthy's behalf. Mr. Lamont gave the Mayor very little encouragement, as there appears no hope for the appointment of Tammany men during the strained relations between the Administration and the machine.

Regarding the nomination of Wheeler H. Peckham for Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, Tammany has no objection to his nomination, neither he nor any other man who has been engaged in open warfare on the machine will be confirmed by the Senate, if Senator Hill can prevent such action. President Cleveland will eventually be forced to a compromise, and such a concession on his part would be regarded by them as equal to victory. By compromise they are the only way to secure confirmation for his nominee, and he will have to select a Democrat who has not been active in factional fights; a man who is a judge, and not a politician. Since his nomination, the

bench, Judge Lacombe has been out of politics, and another point made to sustain this view is that he is not open to the objection made against Hornblower and Peckham—lack of judicial experience.

When Justice Blatchford died, it was predicted that Judge Lacombe would be his successor. Some Tammany men believe that events are shaping to make this prediction true.

TENANTS SCARED BY A BLAZE

They Think the Fire Was Started

The tenants of the three-story tenement-house, at 261 Stanton street, blew a fire in the basement, discovered late last night by Jacob Hulzer, a tobacco dealer who occupies the ground floor, was started by an incendiary. The blaze was in an old mattress.

No one was known to have gone into the cellar after 6 o'clock.

The house is owned by Isaac Kirshbaum and is insured. The damage was slight.

Assistant Fire Marshal Thomas Free said this morning that from the hasty examination of the premises, he believed

ing at 12 White street last night, where a seemingly suspicious fire broke out at 6 o'clock yesterday evening, he has come to the conclusion that there was really little ground for suspicion. Not

A MONTANA BEAR STORY.

its native state," said Col. Jim Struther to a Washington Star man last night at the Arlington. "We have all kinds of wild beasts, from grizzly bears and prairie dogs down.

"Speaking of bears, reminds me of the State once upon a time. It was before the State got polluted by the trolley, and when it wasn't good form to wear a collar. It was before Montana got to be the greatest State in the Union. I was prospecting away in the Bull Mountains when I hadn't seen any other bull, though I had the right ring to him. The sun was turning in and shadows were coming out of the East. I looked

the pack off one of my horses, I took the animals and made a supper off coffee and bacon and bread. Then I rolled up in a blanket and knew no more.

"The night must have been half spent when I began to dream that I was washing my face in one of the geysers of the Yellowstone. The sensation became so realistic that I awoke. A hot breath was breathing on my visage, and a strange tongue was swabbing me down. I was sort of dazed with fear and remained perfectly still. Presently the licking process ceased and the hot

breath was withdrawn. A big, dark, awkward something shambled off and I sank to rest once more. When day came I found that my provision box had been raided, and the soft earth around

me was full of bear tracks. I shivered a little bit and moved on."

The Colonel told this as though he really wanted to be believed, and the reporter left.

A WISE MOTHER.

Her Social Duties Do Not Interfere

with Her Children's Pleasure.

A certain Western Senator had two sons, little fellows nine and eleven years of age, when he came to the capital two

or three years ago, says The Capital. Their mother had devoted herself to their education and pleasure almost exclusively; but here she found that the demands of society would not permit her

So they were sent to school, and often they had to go to bed without the pretty story.

"Mamma, you are going out again?"
"Yes, my dear; mamma has to go. She dislikes to leave you so much, but papa wants her. Go to bed, my dears, and to sleep; you won't miss me then."
"Mamma," said he, with all the gravity of a full-grown man taxed to the limit

"Mamma, how much longer is this thing going to last? What is to become of us if you neglect us so?"

The mother did not go out to dinner that night. She stayed at home, read and read stories to the boys and petted them. The result was, and still is, that the mother devotes all her Saturdays to the youngsters. They visit the Art Gallery, the Museum, the Capitol, the old houses and the "Zoo."

"I enjoy it," she says, "as much as